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acceptable time; behold,  
now is the day of salvation."  
II Cor. 6:2*

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**Faith brings  
us together.  
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us apart.**

# WIN

## Students Win Regional IEEE Design Contest

LeTourneau University engineering students Chuck Cox and Pete Nystrom recently won an Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (IEEE) sponsored student design contest.

Nine teams from seven schools took part in the Gulf-Southwest Region competition including students from Texas A & M University, Texas Tech University, University of Houston - Downtown, U.S. Air Force Academy, McNeese State University, Prairie View A & M University and LeTourneau. The team from the Air Force Academy placed second, while the University of Houston finished third.

The goal of the contest was to design and build a prototype, specifically a controller for a vending machine, according to specifications. The students worked all day designing and building their projects and spent the evening writing formal reports on their designs.

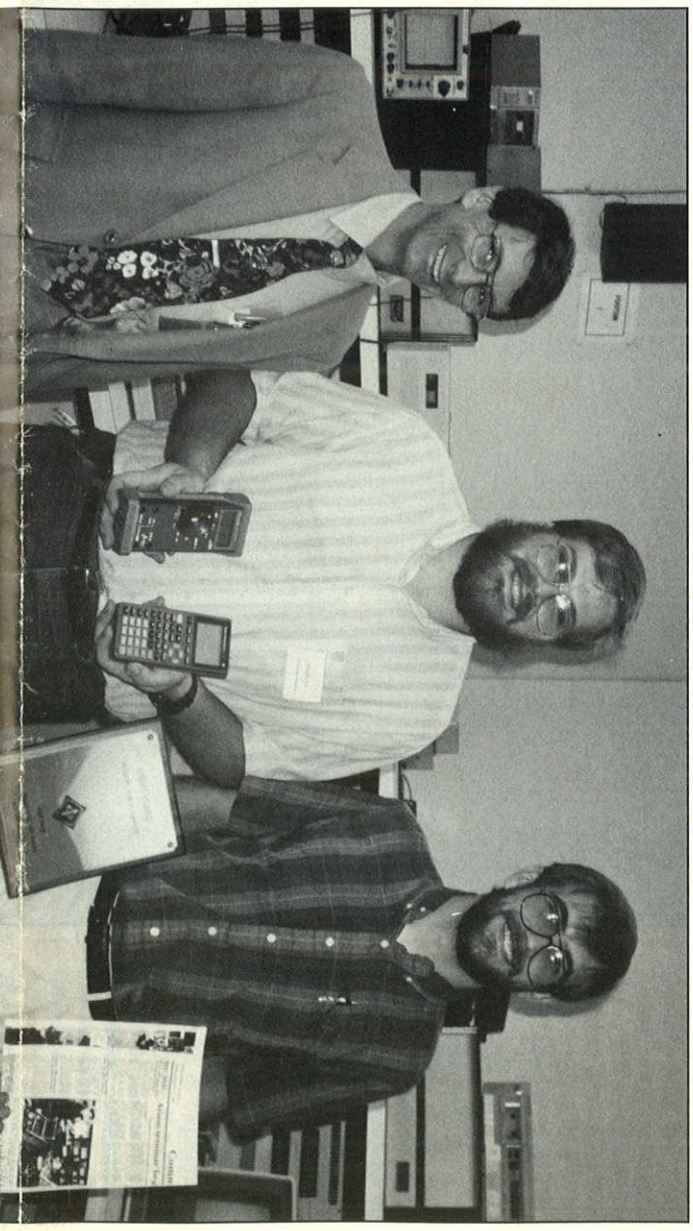
According to Cox, "We did our best and our best came in first. We were really comfortable in the labs because we used what we learned in class. We had a sense of 'hey, we've done this before.' When we were done with our design, we were smiling. We knew we'd done our best."

"We learned that LeTourneau has trained us well, and we learned how to work together," said Nystrom.

"We realized that there's a lot of hands-on at LeTourneau," added Cox. "It's hard. We have to work things out for ourselves; we're not fed like geese."

Cox and Nystrom were accompanied by Dr. Bill Graff, professor of electrical engineering. The contest was held at Texas A & M University.

"I'm extremely proud of the way



**L. to r., Dr. Bill Graff, professor of electrical engineering, congratulates LeTourneau University's winning team of Pete Nystrom and Chuck Cox. The two placed first in regional IEEE competition.**

our students performed under pressure," said Graff. "It was a wonderful experience and a tremendous honor to take top honors in our first year to enter."

several prizes including calculators, meters, telephone handsets and plaques. Sponsors for the competition included Association of Former Students-TAMU, Compaq, Contel

of Texas, Fluke, Ganado Telephone, Hewlett Packard, IEEE Houston Section, Motorola, Southwestern Bell, Sugarland Telephone, Texas Instruments, and Texas Telephone Association.

## Enrollment Reaches All-Time High

Enrollment for the 1991 spring semester has reached an all-time high at LeTourneau University with 1,135 students registered for classes. This is an increase of 11 percent over the fall semester and 60 percent over the 1990 spring semester.

Continuing to fuel the enrollment increase is the LEAP (LeTourneau Education for Adult Professionals) Program, an adult degree-completion program offered in Longview, Tyler and the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex.

LEAP has only been in operation for 15 months but already has more than 400 students enrolled, with the first graduating class set for May, 1991. And that number is expected to steadily increase, according to Don Connors, Director of Adult and Extended Programs.

"The response to the LEAP

Program has been phenomenal and we are scrambling to keep up with the heavy volume of inquiries which keep pouring in," said Connors. "It's the kind of problem you like to have." Meanwhile, the traditional student enrollment is showing an increase as well, though on a smaller scale. That group numbers 739 this spring, the highest total in five years and up four percent over last spring's 711.

Previously the highest enrollment in University history was 1,045, reached twice — in the fall of 1980 and the fall of 1983. The previous highest spring enrollment was 968, set in 1983. "Recent trends are definitely encouraging," said Roger Kieffer, Director of Enrollment Management. "LeTourneau's growing reputation and national recognition are helping to raise the awareness level of the institution among students."

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## President's Column

# Education Prognostications For The Year 2001

I was recently asked to write an article for the annual East Texas Progress edition of the *Longview News-Journal* in which I gave my predictions for the state of higher education in the year 2001. Let me share some of those same thoughts with you and try to apply them to our situation here at LeTourneau. I recognize that crystal ball gazing has become a hazardous occupation no matter what one's field of endeavor. Recent events in Eastern Europe and in the Middle East quickly reinforce that the "best laid plans of mice and men" soon go awry. What then might one predict to happen in higher education by the year 2001?

Some things are fairly easily determined. We know that student enrollments will rise only moderately during the latter part of this century following the significant declines of the 1980's and early 1990's. This will result in some considerable crises for many institutions. With a reduction of more than 30 percent in traditionally aged students from the high enrollment levels of the late 1970's, a number of colleges, both state and private, will simply not make it. Only those institutions that can justify their existence to be worthy of the students' time and investment will survive or thrive. As in other areas of industry or business, those colleges that are able to provide programs of value, are innovative and flexible in meeting the educational needs of society, and are able to project a clear purpose or mission will be the leaders of the future. We believe that quality, flexibility, ingenuity and an unerring adherence to be enthusiastically Christian are the hallmarks of LeTourneau University.

Colleges of the future will become more diverse in their program offerings and in the

**"...those colleges that are able to provide programs of value, are innovative and flexible in meeting the educational needs of society, and are able to project a clear purpose or mission will be the leaders of the future."**

**—Dr. Alvin O. Austin**

makeup of their students. As our society moves from one whose primary orientation has been toward manufacturing and the production of goods to one that significantly revolves around communication and service systems, the training and education needed to prepare persons for employment in these new roles will dramatically change. Learning and skills that are foundational in nature and transferable to multiple environments will become increasingly important. More emphasis or a re-emphasis upon basic language skills, including foreign languages, will be necessary. Even those students who desire careers in the technical arena will need greater proficiency in written and oral communication and in the behavioral sciences

## ANNUAL MEETING



*LeTourneau University President Alvin O. Austin presents a plaque to outgoing Longview Chamber of Commerce President Susan Welch Jan. 29 at the annual membership meeting and awards banquet. Austin is the Chamber of Commerce President for 1991.*

as they deal with increasingly complex living and work environments. Because LeTourneau University is a multi-faceted campus, offering strong core programs in general education for students in all major fields, and because we have sought to include more written and oral communication proficiency requirements in all of our program areas, we believe we are already meeting many of these expectations for the future. Additional efforts at curriculum integration and the enhancement of the students' competencies in English, math, languages and the behavioral sciences will be accomplished over the next several years. Educational institutions will have to accept a role of providing leadership in developing moral, ethical and spiritual values in our culture. As a nation and throughout the world, our businesses, our financial institutions and our political structures are on the verge of collapse due significantly to the

campuses. We must find ways to enhance the value of education among all ethnic groups and encourage them to complete high school and attend college if they are to assume roles of importance and leadership in our society. As a Christian university, we must work harder to ensure that financial costs and cultural barriers do not discourage this diversification within our student populations. In the year 2001, education will be even more important than it is today in raising personal and societal aspirations, in preparing persons for success and satisfying employment, in creating a broader base of cooperation and human understanding among all peoples, and in offering solutions to the moral and spiritual bankruptcy that is upon us. The next decade will be a difficult one for all of higher education as it struggles with declining demographics, a crisis in funding and a greater demand for accountability by our students and by an ever-increasing group of governmental and regulatory bodies.

The pitfalls will be many, but the strength of our nation and, indeed, the strength and quality of life of all the world, demands that American higher education not only survive but that our educational systems rise to meet the challenges of the future. And, if our educational systems are to achieve these goals, then individual institutions must be willing to be the role models to which others can look for leadership. While small and lacking in some of the financial resources of some of the other institutions, LeTourneau is committed to be a University of quality, of diversity, of openness to new populations of students, and to the integration into the curriculum and into the lives of our students the moral and spiritual values as found in the Bible and as modeled for us by Jesus Christ. LeTourneau not only intends to be one of the survivors, it expects to be an institution that, within the will of God, provides some of the solutions for the needs of our world — today, in 2001, and as long as He so wills.



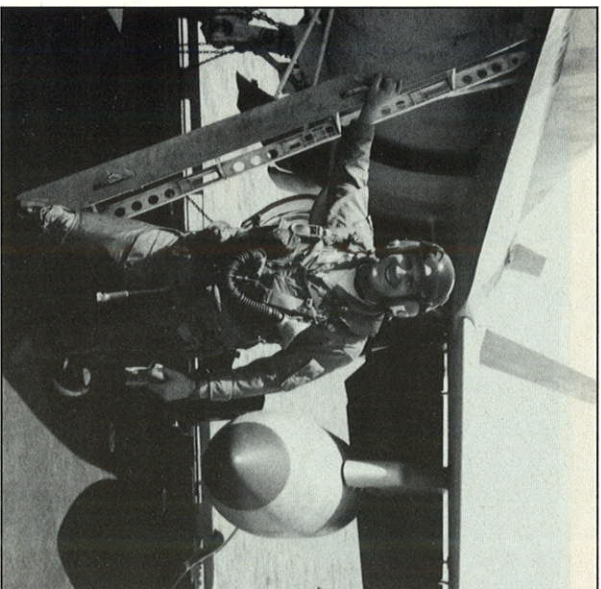
# Alumni, Students Involved in Desert Storm

Two common strains of sentiment, often intertwined, summarized the feelings of dozens of family members of LeTourneau soldiers currently fighting on duty with the Allied forces in Saudi Arabia and other areas of the Persian Gulf and Middle East. One expressed itself as "War is hell" or "war is evil" while the other was "I support President Bush," usually followed by "Saddam Hussein has got to be stopped."

These thoughts reflected the efforts of many to reconcile themselves to the reality of war, and once reconciled, actively support U.S. forces and policy.

Among those assigned to Operation Desert Storm are Capt. John H. Adams (BU'84), U.S. Air Force; Sgt. David A. Arms (BU'84), U.S. Army; Spec. Steven T. Dabbs, (CST'93), U.S. Army Reserves; Tech. Sgt. Monsa L. Dugger ('84-'88), U.S. Air Force Reserves; PFC James D. Eagle (HU/PL'94), U.S. Army Reserves; Staff Sgt. John Eckroat ('85-'86), U.S. Army; Maj. Richard S. Edmundson (AT'74), U.S. Marines; Tech Sgt. Paul Faunce (AT'82), U.S. Air Force Reserves; 2nd Lt. Donald F. Henry (AT'86), U.S. Air Force; Capt. David Leppelmeier (BU/AT'82), U.S. Marines; 1st Lt. Allen G. McPherson (AT'85), U.S. Air Force; Capt. Timothy P. Ostigard (AT'84), U.S. Air Force; Cpl. Paul E. Schulz (AMT'90), U.S. Marine Reserves; and Spec. 4 Dan Welliver (MT'88), U.S. Army. Dabbs and Schulz got their orders in December and had to leave school during finals week, while Eagle received his orders in January and had to check out of school after only three weeks.

Adams met his wife, Traci, on a joint military humanitarian mission in Gabon, West Africa in Sept., 1988. She was stationed in Germany and he was in the U.S. so they had a long-distance courtship for over a year, then married a few months ago. Traci is a fellow officer, serving as a Captain in the U.S. Army Reserve. She is currently on active duty assigned to the Keller Army Community Hospital at West Point, and John is part of the 142nd Tactical Air Squadron. "We basically had a week to prepare ourselves," said Traci. "A lot of that was spent in busy work, but we spent time telling each other that I love you and we activated our spiritual armor. I don't know how we could deal with it otherwise." John left for Saudi Arabia Jan. 25 and is a C-130 pilot. Traci said there is a 50-50 chance she will be called up. "War in general is awful and evil but sometimes God allows or ordains it to deal with a greater evil," she said. "I support the president and pray for the leaders of all the countries involved," she added. "I pray that it's over quickly." Traci said she finds support from family and friends and an organized support group at work. "In a way, it's harder to be the one left behind," she said. "I'd rather be the one going, too." Before being activated, John was a 727 pilot for TWA. Traci hopes he can return to that



Capt. David Leppelmeier

role soon.

Arms has been in the military for five years and is a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne scout platoon. He was sent to Saudi Arabia in August and is on the front lines, according to his parents, Bob and Carol Stricklin of Glen Rose. "You don't like to see your son in harm's way but you can't let this guy [Saddam Hussein] continue," said Bob. "I'm glad I'm not the president and I'll support him. My wife feels the same," he added.

Dugger is with the 78th Air Refueling Squadron and is involved in mid air refueling. His wife, Cathy, lives in Hallsville.

Eagle was a freshman prelaw major before being called to active duty. "I'm not scared or nervous," he said. "It's more or less an interruption in my life—that's how I look at it. The main thing is I'll miss all my friends."

Eagle completed two years of active duty in the Army as an infantryman before enrolling at LeTourneau and was trained to destroy enemy tanks. "I plan to come back to LeTourneau once it's all over. I feel pretty confident about it. I don't doubt for a minute that the Allies will win," he said.

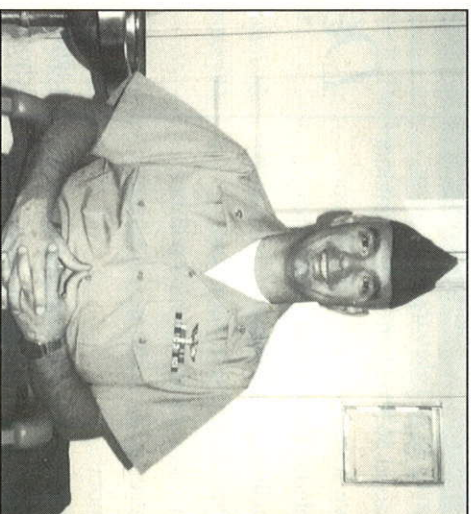
Eagle said he had mixed feelings about why the war was being fought but added, "I do feel that Saddam Hussein needs to be taken out of power."

Eagle learned of his orders when his parents called to inform him they had arrived in the mail at their house in Kingsport, Tenn. "My dad's taking it pretty bad," he said. Eckroat is attached to the 227th AVN Regiment F Company. According to a military spokesman, his unit is part of an Apache attack helicopter battalion.

Edmundson left for the Persian Gulf Aug. 19 with an amphibious task group of 17 ships after being recalled from vacation. According to his wife, Caryn, "he wanted to go." She said, "Dick was very anxious to go and defend his children and their future. He sees Saddam as a real threat to our country and our way of life. I kind of feel like I'm serving my country, too," she added. The Edmundsons have four children: Kristin, 14; Amanda, 12; Holly, 10; and Deanna, 7. According to Caryn, "Dick and I met at a



Sgt. David Arms



Major Richard Edmundson

lunch table at LeTourneau College. My uncle, Mike Fratzke, worked in the PE Department at the time and I wanted to go to a Christian college. Dick signed my poster during freshman week and he told me if I came over to his table he would get all the other guys to sign it, too," she recalled. They were married in December, 1973 and Dick joined the Marines immediately upon graduation. "He feels LeTourneau really prepared him for the military," she said. "He loves the military and says LeTourneau gave him a love of flying." Caryn said Dick is a UH1N Huey helicopter pilot and schedules air missions for his unit, a group of CH-46 pilots. "Several weeks ago [Jan. 4-5] Dick took part in a little-publicized, highly-dangerous but successful rescue mission," she said. "The U.S.S. Guam and the U.S.S. Trenton were ordered to Somalia, East Africa to evacuate 500 people, including 30 ambassadors, from the U.S. Embassy in Mogadishu," she said. "It's a certainty that all of them would have been killed because reportedly 1,500 people had already been killed by rebels the week before. Helicopters were used in a night rescue with refueling three times over the ocean. It's never been attempted before," she said. "It was a real morale boost for those on the ships," she said, adding, "two babies were born en route." Caryn and the children receive a good deal of support while Dick is away. "We live on an amphibious base with a lot of Christians," she said. "Our church is very supportive and we have a neighborhood Bible study among the wives and we have a

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## AUTO SOCIETY SETS ANNUAL CAR SHOW FOR FEB. 23-24

The LeTourneau University Automotive Society will hold its 15th Annual Car Show Feb. 23-24 in the Assembly Building. Admission is \$3. Hours Saturday are 12 noon to 11 p.m. and Sunday 12 noon to 6 p.m. All proceeds go to support summer missions.

## MORE THAN 400 IN LEAP PROGRAM

As of Jan. 31, 432 students were enrolled in the LEAP Program, including an on-site class at Peterbilt Motors in Denton. This number includes 48 students in Tyler, 123 in Longview, and 261 in Dallas. Three more classes are scheduled to begin in February, Connors said, including an on-site class at E-Systems in Greenville.

Negotiations were also recently completed for the lease of approximately 6,000 square feet of additional classroom and office space in the Hurst-Eulless-Bedford area. The new site is expected to be ready by the end of March or the first of April, according to Connors, and will serve the Mild Cities region, including Arlington and Fort Worth. The new site will be located on the first floor of the D/FW West Building on State Highway 183 just past the south entrance to the DFW International Airport in Eulless.



## TOURS

### Alaska

May 31-June 15 Inside Passage plus Seward (Kenai Peninsula), Anchorage, McKinley Park, Kantishna, and Fairbanks.

### Australia & New Zealand

Room for 1 lady or 1 couple, June 28-July 16. Both North and South Island of New Zealand (Auckland, Rotorua, Waitomo Glowworm Cave, Christchurch, Dunedin, Te Anau, Milford Sound, Queenstown) and Cairns (Great Barrier Reef), Ayers Rock (Red Centre), Melbourne and Sydney.

### Ireland Tour w/Golf

Sept. 28-Oct. 10. Sightseeing at Bunnatty, Limerick, Killarney, Blarney, Waterford, Kilkenny, Dublin, Sligo, Donegal, Beeleek, Lahinch, and Cliffs of Moher.

For further information, call 1-800-759-8811 or 753-0231, Ext. 238. Tours under direction of Special Programs, LeTourneau University.



**INVENTION & DESIGN COMPETITION SLATED FOR APRIL 22-29**

Information packets for the 6th Annual LeTourneau University Invitational Invention & Design Contest are now available from the Office of Academic Affairs. As usual, the Contest includes five divisions: Adult, Senior College, Junior College, High School, and Middle School. The total prize money is \$2,000, including \$200 for first place, \$100 for second place, \$50 for third place and two Honorable Mentions at \$25 each. A Grand Prize Winner will be selected by the judges and awarded a special plaque. Each entry will be judged according to the following criteria: Most Potentially Beneficial to Society, 30 points; Most Innovative Design, 25 points; Most Potentially Profitable, 20 points; Most Effectively Displayed, 15 points; and Most Aesthetically Pleasing Design, 10 points. Deadline for entries is 5 p.m. April 22. Winners will be announced and all prizes conferred at a special Awards Reception April 29.

**TEXAS EASTMAN CO. DONATES EQUIPMENT**

Texas Eastman Co. has donated an Instron tensile tester to the Division of Engineering and Engineering Technology at LeTourneau University. "We appreciate very much the partnership of Texas Eastman Co. in training engineers for the 21st Century," said Dr.

John Busch, Division Chairman. The tensile tester works by pulling a material apart while a sensor measures the force needed to do that.

Materials frequently tested include plastics, wood and metal. Primary tests include determination of tensile strength (how much force it takes to pull a substance to the point it will not go back to its original form) and modulus (a measurement of the stiffness of a substance). The device has been installed in the Mechanical Engineering Machine Tool Laboratory at the University for use by engineering students and faculty on class assignments and research projects.

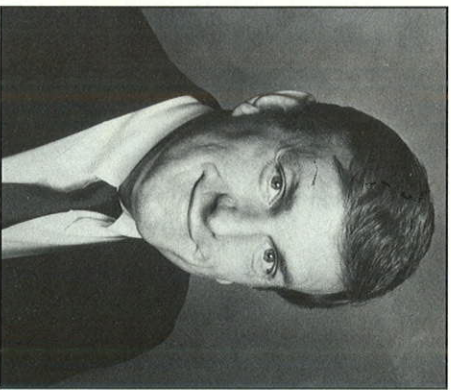
"We are pleased we were able to provide this tensile tester to LeTourneau University and hope the students are finding the equipment beneficial," said Dr. Jack Goodwyn, Director of Public and Government Affairs at Texas Eastman.

*Capital Campaign Reaches \$6.3 Million Level*

By Dr. James E. Stjernstrom  
Vice President for University Advancement

We are nearing the end of our three-year Capture The Vision capital campaign which began in July, 1988 with a base goal of \$5.7 million and a challenge goal of \$7.7 million.

With about four months remaining until June 30, 1991, the end of the three-year campaign period, we have exceeded our \$5.7 million base goal and are now extending every effort to reach the challenge goal. As of February 1, we have raised \$6.3 million. Of that amount we have received cash gifts and pledge payments totaling \$5.5 million. In addition we have more than \$800,000 in short-term pledges, most of which will be received over the next 12 to 18 months. The goal of the Campaign is to fund the most critical needs of the University. Campaign priorities include student financial assistance, facility upgrading, library resources and instructional equipment, faculty development, campus beautification and general program support. A major campaign component is a new \$2 million, 30,000 square-foot Longview Hall Academic Center.



Dr. Jim Stjernstrom

The Center will house several major academic divisions including Math and Computer Science, and Business Administration. It will

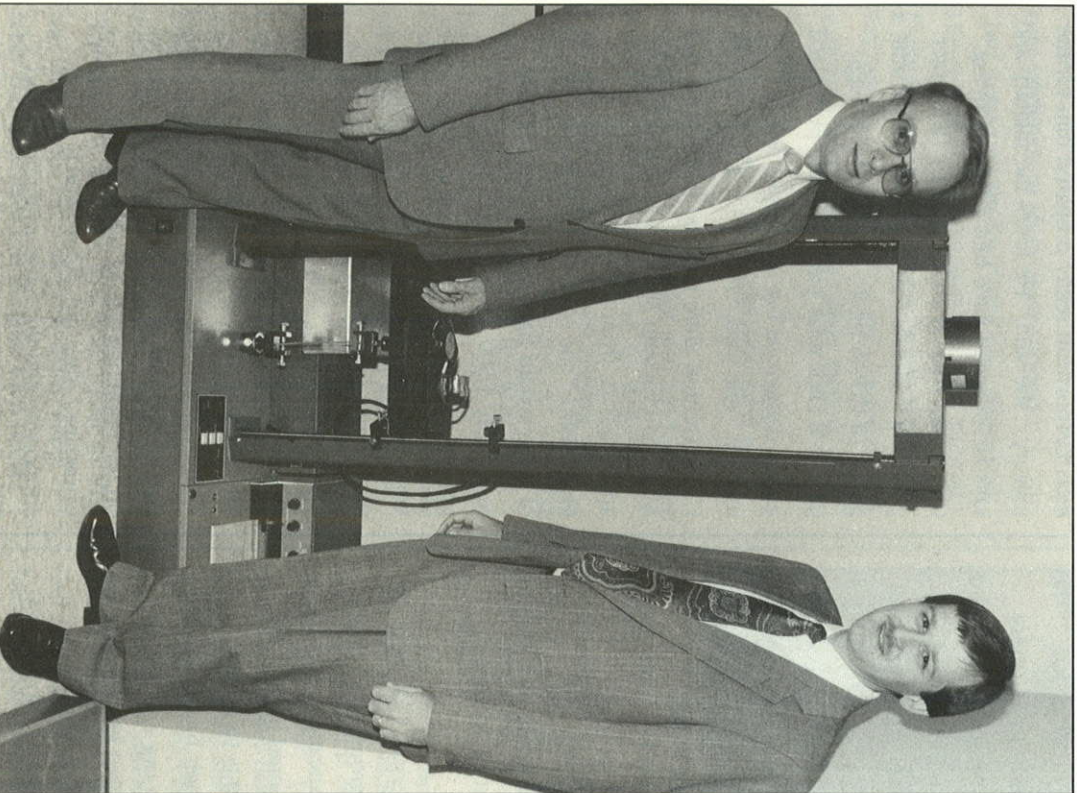
*Deferred Giving Is Option to Consider*

By John Martin  
Director of Development

Long-time contributor to the *Now*, Tom Olson, once told the story of a little boy starting out for Sunday School one day who was given two nickels with instructions to put one in the Sunday School offering and keep the other one for himself to buy gum or candy. Part of the way took him on a boardwalk with some cracks between the boards. Playing with the coins as the boards clattered underfoot, the boy dropped one of them and it rolled into a crack where it was hopelessly

also include computer labs and other related faculty and administrative facilities. Construction will begin this spring. Because of the gifts received from many friends across the country we are able to achieve the objectives of a campaign which is the largest campaign in the history of LeTourneau University. We have been very encouraged throughout the Campaign because of the general increase in gifts received from friends at every level of giving. The fundraising effort began among the University

trustees who led the way with gifts totaling more than \$1 million. Alumni and faculty and staff and hundreds of others followed their example and made commitments that were higher than ever before. All of the prayers and support we have received are blessings from the Lord and we are thankful for all of them. They have enabled us to achieve significant progress through the Capture The Vision campaign and have established a foundation for continued growth and development in the years ahead.



Dr. John Busch, left, Chairman, Division of Engineering and Bill Campbell, Advanced Chemical Engineer at Texas Eastman, with tensile tester.



John Martin

the knowledge that a future is being built for Christian young people at LeTourneau University at the same time.

Several of our friends have found this to be a meaningful way to be involved with LeTourneau University. If this is an idea that would fit into your gift planning, we would be happy to send a booklet fully describing the gift annuity.

On the occasions in my own life when the "nickel" is gone I hope to find ways to prosper the kingdom of God, knowing that in the process my needs will be met.

Please send me the free booklet:

**"Questions & Answers About Gift Annuities"**

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# Students Help Disadvantaged Youths

By Melinda W. Bigelow  
of the Kilgore News-Herald

Caring does make a difference, as shown in the lives of youngsters enjoying a movie at 4 Star Cinema in Kilgore on a recent Saturday morning.

The youngsters, termed students-at-risk at Foster Middle School in Longview, are part of an Educational Partners Program sponsored by students at LeTourneau University.

The middle school students are termed at risk of dropping out of life, school, and themselves due to a variety of reasons. Many of the youngsters are from impoverished homes. The majority are functioning one to two years below grade level. Many are from single parent homes where the sole provider works many hours to provide the necessities. Some of the children had little or no positive adult leadership in their lives, until LeTourneau students "adopted" them.

During the movie, one child eased up to the concession stand, hopefully asking, "Can I have some more soda pop?"

A middle school teacher, donating her Saturday morning to serve as a soda jerk for the children, replied, "Aren't you supposed to say 'May I'?"

He grinned, said "Yes ma'am, may I?" and received a refill.

Asked later how he has benefitted from the Educational Partners Program, he said, "It's lots of fun. I gets to do lots of things I haven't ever done." Cranning popcorn in his mouth, he explains, "We sometimes has popcorn, but there ain't no soda pops at my house."

The caring and love, a friendly pat on the shoulder and encouraging words from an older friend have made a lot of difference in the lives of the 50 sixth, seventh and eighth grade students who are privileged to have a big brother or sister, according to Beth Bassett, principal at the school.

"Our suspensions are almost none now that the program has been implemented," she said. "We even went five days in a row with no one in SAC (special assignment center) where students have to go when they are suspended."

In order to participate in the Educational Partners Program, students must maintain passing grades and not present any serious discipline problems, according to the principal.

For many of the youngsters, the incentive to have passing grades and cause no trouble has turned their young lives around.

Some of the children were failing and spent numerous days in SAC prior to the new program.

But the Biblical call to help others was heeded by 50 students at the Christian-based LeTourneau University, and the youngsters have flourished in the program.

"If the kids have failing grades or have been in trouble, they can't come to the Educational Partners parties and fun activities, so they



LeTourneau University sophomore Tius Crabb and Foster Middle School student Roy Wehrenberg enjoy a movie together at 4 Star Cinema in Kilgore. (Photo by Melinda W. Bigelow of the Kilgore News-Herald.)

want to pass their classes and stay out of serious trouble," said Mrs. Bassett.

Titus Crabb, a sophomore from Whitefish, Mont. said the program was started because all of the University students are Christians and some of them wanted to do something for those less fortunate.

"I don't see how you can stand by and not help," he said matter-of-factly. "The Bible is very clear about helping others."

Crabb, who is pursuing a degree in electrical engineering, has helped his little "adopted" brother, Roy Wehrenberg, a small blonde child.

"It makes me feel good to know I'm special and Titus cares about me," Wehrenberg said. Wehrenberg said the program is fun and his friendship with Crabb has allowed many opportunities he would not otherwise have enjoyed.

Although Crabb does not fly, he asked a fellow University student to take young Wehrenberg up for a flight.

"I hadn't ever flown and it was a lot of fun," the middle school student said.

The generosity of 4 Star owner Byron Berkley also provided Wehrenberg with a treat he said he might ordinarily enjoy only once a year — a movie at a theater.

"I can't take credit for having these children here," Berkley explained, giving praise to his wife, Rene, a teacher at Foster Middle School. "It did seem like a good idea — giving them something they wouldn't otherwise have," he said. "These kids don't get an opportunity to get out and have these experiences many kids take for granted. I don't know if this contributes to making their lives any better, but we try."

But for some, it does. One child had a hard time staying awake during the movie. He had been up late several nights in a row, ringing a bell for the Salvation Army.

There are nine people sleeping in the two-bedroom home his family occupies. The youngster said it was so crowded he now sleeps on a sofa in the living room, but he sleeps under nine blankets because the room

is so cold.

One child, whose two siblings have both gone astray, has flourished under the auspices of her big sister, the principal said. One of her siblings is frequently suspended for inappropriate behavior and another often misses school.

The stimulus of rewarding appropriate behavior also encourages others who want to have a big brother or sister.

Each child in the program has an older mentor, so the number of those allowed to participate is determined by the number of University students who volunteer to "adopt" a fledgling student.

In addition to the movie treat, other outings have included a skating afternoon, swimming party, and a Christmas party.

According to Bassett, the college students are so committed, many of them come during lunch at school to be with their "adopted" siblings, play ball or just talk to them, explaining the importance of an education. Some call their homes just to talk and others send letters.

One big brother noticed his protégé limping and asked what was wrong. "Oh, my shoes are just a little tight," the child said. The older student took his little charge shopping and bought him a new pair of tennis shoes.

The young boy's size seven feet had been crammed into a pair of size four-and-a-half shoes.

As one youngster walked into the theater from the concession stand, the principal commented to the teachers behind the concession stand, "It's going to take a lot of hard work to help him graduate from high school — lots of love, encouragement and prayer. "But this program is catching on, and there are others who are willing to help," she said. "One businessman told me life had been good to him and he wanted to help a child,

as long as no one knew about it. He's buying that child some new clothes for Christmas...and maybe when his big brother is finished at LeTourneau there will be another one, another person to make a difference."



Janet White

## JANET WHITE TABBED FOR WOMEN'S SERIES

Janet White presented a series of informative and motivational lectures especially for women Feb. 14-16 in conjunction with LeTourneau University Women's Week activities. Her talks revolved around the theme of relationships. White is known for her role in developing and leading a highly-successful annual "Feminar" in Tyler.

## 27 SELECTED TO WHO'S WHO

The 1991 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges will include the names of 27 students from LeTourneau University who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

Students named this year from LeTourneau University include Leah Renee Archer, Harry Guy Barrett Jr., Ruth Helen Bradfield, Douglas Frank Britton, Marlin Ray Brubaker, Benjamin Allen Burdick, Mark William Franklin, Bernhard H. Gildemeister, Christy Michelle Henegar, Joseph Keith Henkel, Daniel Martin Huegel, Douglas Paul Jett, Sally Anne Johnson, Peggy Jean Lantz, Dean Quentin Lucas, Gaylin Marie Lucas, Daniel Richard McCoy, Scott Matthew Meentemeyer, Ann Marie Olson, Scott Edwin Palmer, Shane Howard Patterson, Shawna Renee Reese, Patricia Lyn Ruiter, Lara Dennyse Wallace, Bruce Leslie Williams, and Lei Ferris Williams.



## AIM '91 NAMES TRIP LEADERS

Trip leaders have been named for the AIM '91 spring break missions trip to Mexico March 15-24, according to Ben Burdick, AIM co-chair and Student Senate Vice President for Student Ministries.

Trip leaders and their respective sites are as follows: Dennis Vazquez, Monterrey; Jamie Thompson,

Aguascalientes; Joel Huegel, San Luis Potosi; Dan Huegel, Zacatecas; Adrian Bonilla, Los Felix; and Titus Crabh, La Joya.

At press time, all positions at the La Joya and Los Felix sites were filled, with some openings still available at the other locations.

Cost is \$120 per person and alumni and friends of the University are welcome to participate.

This will be the third year in a row for the student-directed AIM outreach. Those desiring more information should contact the Office of Student Affairs.

## SEARS-ROEBUCK TAPS LETOURNEAU

According to President Alvin O. Austin, Letourneau University has been selected to participate in the Sears-Roebuck Foundation's 1990-91 Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award Program.

"At Letourneau University, our primary emphasis is on quality teaching with the student as our central focus," Austin said. "We are especially pleased that the Sears-Roebuck Foundation has maintained its longstanding partnership with independent higher education by continuing this teacher recognition program."

The awards are presented to top educators at nearly 700 of the nation's leading independent liberal arts colleges and universities as a means of recognizing their outstanding resourcefulness and leadership. Each winning faculty member will receive \$1,000 and the institution will receive a grant ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 based on student enrollment. Institutional grants are to be used to encourage campus leadership, faculty enrichment and improved teaching. Winners will be selected by independent committees on each campus.

The program is administered nationally by the Stamford, Ct.-based Foundation for Independent Higher Education (F.I.H.E.) and regionally by Thomas R. Bria, President, Texas Independent College Fund.

# Persion Gulf War Impacts LeTourneau Campus

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prayer time weekly. Coping is a day to day thing," she added. The children show their support by sending monthly care packages, including letters and tapes. "Judging by the volume of mail addressed to Any Sailor, Any Soldier, Any Marine, I'd say the country is showing its support," she said. "Protestors have a right to express themselves, but we have a responsibility to stand behind our troops," she concluded.

Faunce left for the Gulf Oct. 4. He is a C-130 aircraft technician assigned to the 927th Tactical Air Lift Squadron.

His wife, Silvia, says she supports President Bush. "He was supposed to return home Jan. 3 but his orders were extended to October, 1991," she said.

"He calls me every week and is just staying busy working 12 hours a day, six days a week. He's stationed at Mirage AFB in the United Arab Emirates.

"Protestis disturb me," she said. "We all want peace but the war's already started and we should back our government."

"Emotionally we're okay now," she said. "At first it was hard but now it's better. It still has its ups and downs," she said.

One factor in her successful coping is a strong support group. "The base [Selfridge AFB] has a support group and all his family lives nearby," she said. "We have lots of friends and neighbors, too."

Another positive factor is her faith in God. "My faith was always there, but it's gotten stronger," she said. "I just keep trusting in the Lord."

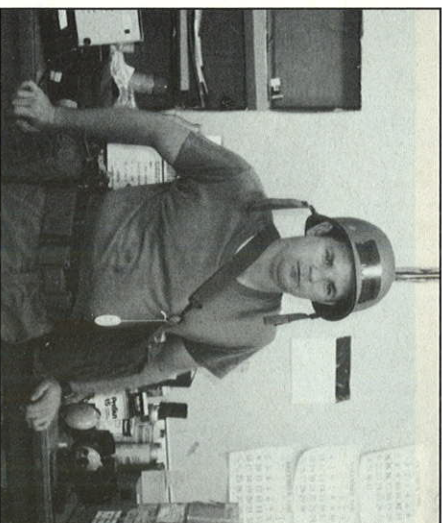
Their 12-year-old son and nine-year-old daughter write letters, send cassette tapes and care packages to show their support.

"Just keep praying for everyone," she asked. Henry is an A-10 pilot with the 74th Tactical Flight Squadron. He left for Saudi Arabia the first week of October. "I'm pro-administration and so is Don," said his father, Don Sr. of S. Woodstock, Ct.

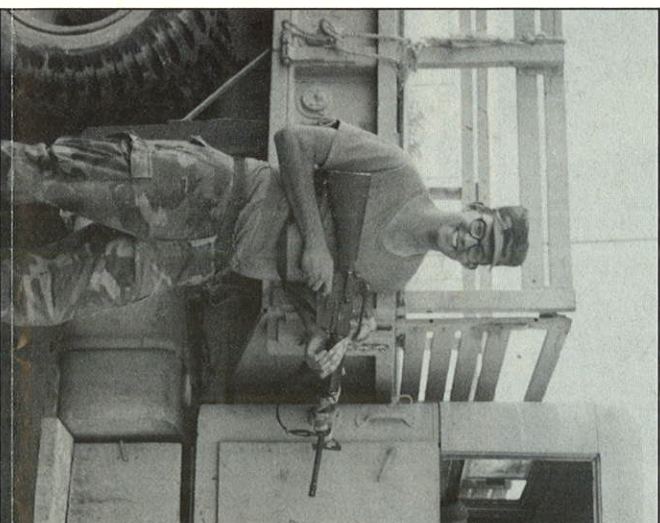
Leppelmeier is an F-18 pilot stationed with the U.S.S. Midway.

McPherson is a KC-135 pilot and left for Saudi Arabia Oct. 19. He is with an Air Refueling Unit and flies a tanker. "I was hoping we could have a diplomatic solution but now that we're in it I support Bush all the way," said his dad, T. C. McPherson.

Ostigard left for the Gulf Dec. 19 and is now on Diego Garcia, a naval base in the Indian Ocean. He is a KC-10 pilot with the 6th Air Refueling Squadron and according to his wife, Carrie, "So many people are praying for Tim that I have confidence he'll be fine. The biggest danger is that there's so much [air] traffic there might be a collision," she added. "Tim loves to fly," she said, and as far as she can determine, Tim has been flying every other day. She said this is more than usual, because in nonwar time, pilots are only allowed to fly a maximum of 100 hours a



Tech. Sgt. Paul Faunce



Spec. 4 Dan Welliver



1st Lt. Allen G. McPherson

month. But according to her, any extra work has not caused problems. "The troop morale is very good," she said, "and the military is united in its mission."

"I support the president 100 percent," she said. "Saddam is sick; he's a madman and needs to be taken out. If we weren't there it would get worse." Carrie is more isolated than some wives because both families live in Minnesota while she is in California with three children — Christian, five; Jacob, four; and Alyssa, 18 months. "I have a very good church family and rely on them a lot but I feel alone a lot of times," she said. "If you have someone over there you need support. You need close friends and a relationship with the Lord. Right now my biggest support

is my church.

"If I have a down day friends come over," she said, "but I've had sick kids for the past three weeks. It's hard on my kids; the oldest one is taking it the hardest. He wants to know when his daddy is coming home. Having the whole burden of a family is very hard," she added.

"Tim calls to cheer me up but it costs \$4.30 a minute to call and he only calls every two weeks for five minutes. Tim is fairly safe but there's always a possibility of something happening. I have a lot of friends who aren't safe but he's in the Lord's hands. All you can do is take one day at a time," she said.

Welliver is in the 519th Military Intelligence Battalion and is specialized in radio communications. He has been in the Army two years and was three weeks away from a discharge from active duty when he was ordered to Saudi Arabia. His parents, Doyle and Doisey Welliver of Wheaton, Ill. say they support the president. "We've left yellow ribbons tied around every tree in our yard for Dan to untie when he comes home," said his mother. "Dan tells me his favorite Scripture now is Psalm 27 and he reads it almost every day," she added.

In part, Psalm 27 says, "The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident." (vs. 1-3, NIV)

Other alumni reported their situations as uncertain. 2nd Lt. H. Todd DeGroot (AT'86), U.S. Air Force was given a temporary reprieve while his wife, Tiffany, gave birth to their first child, Trisha Marie, on Jan. 27. DeGroot is a KC-10 pilot and said he is the only member of his squadron of over 100 people at Barksdale AFB, Shreveport, La. who was left behind. "I'm sure I'll be going any day," he said. "Every plane we have is gone and I'm the only available co-pilot left." DeGroot is part of the 2nd Air Refueling Squadron.

Lt. 03 William Teasdale (AT'83), U.S. Navy, said his unit is awaiting orders to ship out and "we're not expecting to be held too long."

Teasdale is an A-6 Intruder pilot and said his squadron is assigned to the U.S.S. Nimitz, an aircraft carrier. "The Intruder is one of the older planes; it's been around since Vietnam, and is used for power projection [bombing] from long range particularly at night and in bad weather."

Capt. Joel T. Stade (BU/AT'81), U.S. Air Force, is assigned to the 18th Tactical Fighter Squadron at the North Pole. "I've never been to the Middle East and no one from my unit has been sent over," he said, "but it's a short flight over." Stade is an Air Liaison Officer

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# Alumni News

## IN YOUR PRAYERS

The following alumni have been confirmed to be involved in Desert Storm:

**John H. Adams (BU '84)**  
U.S. Air National Guard

**David A. Arms (BU '84)**  
U.S. Army

**Steven Dabbs (CST '92)**  
U.S. Army National Guard

**Monsa Dugger ('84-'88)**  
U.S. Air Force Reserves

**Todd DeGroot (AT '86)**  
Air Force - will be shipping out soon.

**James Eagle (HU/PI '94)**  
U.S. Army

**John Eckroat ('85-'86)**  
U.S. Army

**Richard Edmundson (AT '74)**  
U.S. Marine Corps

**Paul Faunce (AT '82)**  
U.S. Air Force Reserves

**Don F. Henry (AT '86)**  
U.S. Air Force

**David Leppelmeier (AT '82)**  
U.S. Marine Corps

**Allan McPherson (AT '85)**  
U.S. Air Force

**Tim Ostigard (AT '84)**  
U.S. Air Force

**Paul Schulz (AMT '90)**  
U.S. Marine Corps Reserves

**Dan Welliver (MT '88)**  
U.S. Army

There may be other alumni involved in the Gulf War or other areas of hostility and we are just not aware of them. If you know of any such person, please contact the Alumni Office.

## BABIES

### 70's

**Gary (EE '75) and Beverly Ward** are the proud parents of Laura Marie, born September 6, 1990. Laura joins 5 yr. old sister Monica and 2 yr. old sister Emily. Gary is a project engineer with Krohn Hite Corp.

**Steve (ET '78) and Sylvia (MA '79) Biggs** have a baby boy, Nathaniel Stephen was born November 11, 1990 and weighed 9 lbs. 1 oz. The Biggs also are excited to announce that in March they plan to adopt their foster daughter, Angela, age 11. The Biggs have two other daughters, Sharon age 9 and Stacia age 4.

### 80's

**Louis (AT '80) and Janet Chaney** have been blessed with their first child, Kathryn Rebecca was born December 4, 1990 in Greensboro, NC. She weighed 5 lbs. 15 ozs.

**Damon (ME '84) and Cathy Cole** have three children now. Rachel Dawn was born October 24, 1990. She weighed 7 lbs. and was 19 3/4 inches long.

**Scott (BI '85) and Taffy Massey** recently brought home a brother for 20 month old Robert. Matthew DeWayne was born January 18, 1991 at 8:32 P.M. He was 19 1/2 in. long and weighed 6 lbs. 14 ozs.

**Chris (EE '86) and Evelyn Follett** now have two children. Bethany Anne was born October 29, 1990. She was 21 in. long and weighed 9 lbs. 3 ozs. Big brother Nathan is two years old.

**Todd (AT '86) and Tiffany (BU '88) DeGroot** have their 1st child. Trisha Marie was born January 27, 1991.

**Larry (AT '86) and Linda Whiting** and their three sons are proud to announce the birth of Carolyn Joy. She was born September 22, 1990 in East Kalimantan Indonesia. She weighed 7 lbs. 8 ozs. and has strawberry blond hair and blue eyes.

**Mark (AT/ET '87) and Cathie Jo Irwin** and son Joshua Paul are very proud of new baby, Samuel Wayne. Samuel was born December 31, 1990 and was 8 lbs. 4 ozs.

**Alex, Jr.(DT '88) and Tiffany Schaefer** along with Alex, III and Meghann Alexis are proud to announce the birth of Sasha Leigh. Sasha is a beautiful 7 lbs. 5 ozs. girl born November 24, 1990 at 11:53 A.M. in Birmingham, AL. Alex is an AutoCad Designer for Southern Company Services in the Civil Engineering Department.

**Shawn (EE '89) and Lisa Clark (AC '88) Lolstroh** announce the arrival of Lara Leigh. Lara was born October 23, 1990 and weighed 6 lbs. 10 ozs. She was 19 7/8 in. long.

## WEDDING BELLS

### 80's

**Tom Ulrich (ME '81)** married **Mary Woods** on November 3, 1990 in Oklahoma City, OK. They now make their home in Lake Mary, Florida. Congratulations!

**Brad Erickstad (ME '81)** was married to **Julia Thornberry** on November 24, 1990. The wedding took place at the First Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas.

**John H. Adams (BU/AT '84)** married **Traci Collins** on September 1, 1990. Traci is an Army Nurse and John is in the Air National Guard. They have both been deployed as part of Operation Desert Storm.

Congratulations go out to **David MacKnight (EE '86)** and **Laura Schulte**. They were married on February 16, 1991. The MacKnights currently reside in Greenville, Texas.

**Chris Sohl (CSE '86)** and **Karen Kunkle** were married on February 23, 1991 at the Klein United Methodist Church in Spring, Texas.

### 90's

**Mike Johnson (CSE/EE '90)** married **Patricia Metcalf** on December 15, 1990 in Wilmore, Kentucky. Mike and Patricia reside in Plano, Texas.

**Dean Thomas (MT/AT '90)** and **Lynn Dignan** were married on December 28, 1990 in Verona, Wisconsin. Lynn is the Assoc. Dir. of Admissions at LeTourneau University. They currently live in Longview, TX.

## CAREER NEWS

### 60's

**Fred Rudy (BU '68)** began working for Good News Publishers in September 1990. Fred was previously with Moody Bible Institute for 21 years. He handles all of GNP's domestic and international business operations.

### 70's

**Irvin Jones (BU '73-74)** is currently the owner of Center for Creative Growth in Worthington, OH. The center is for treatment of substance abuse, psychotherapy and pastoral care. Irvin is also pursuing his Master of Divinity Degree.

**Nancy Longenecker Mendez (RE '73-76)** is now a Trustee of LeTourneau University. Nancy and husband Al live in California. Congratulations Nancy!

### 80's

**Jim (BU/AT '80) and Glenda Kichelhorn (78-80) Hooker** are currently raising support to serve with Greater Europe Mission. Jim recently terminated his employment with Best Lock Corporation. You can write to them at 597 B James Road, Lawrenceville, GA 30244.

**Dick (AT '80) and Connie (MI '80-81) Terner** are no longer with MAE. They currently reside at 5055 Hwy 93 N, Whitefish, MT 59937. Dick is seeking a position as a pilot.

**Gregg Sweeten (AT/BU '82)** was appointed Coordinator of the Aviation Maintenance Tech. program at Belleville Area College in Granite City, Illinois.

**David E. Hansen (EI/AT '89)** is now a Maintenance Technician for Textron Flight Services in Stratford, CT. He began this new position in September, 1990.

**Jeff DeLong (AT '89)** now has different definitions of cold and warm since he moved to Unalakleet, Alaska. He is a pilot with Markair Express and flies passengers and mail along the western coast of Alaska.

## MISSIONS

### 80's

**David (AT '82-83)** and **Francine O'Connor** plan to return to Switzerland in March where they work with Mercy Ships. Dave is the Advance Team Coordinator for that organization.

## CAMPUS VISITS

### 60's

**B. Tom Lawrence (AT '68)** stopped by to give an update on his activities. Tom and wife, Diane live in Hong Kong where Tom is a China Team Leader with Pioneers.

### 70's

**Dan Younger (EN '74)** was on campus for Missions Emphasis Week, January 14-18. He represented Missionary Tech Team.

### 80's

**Garry Chambers (AT '80)**, with Mission to the World, was on campus for Missions Emphasis week. Garry's wife **Anita (MI '76-79)** stayed at home with daughters Garryann, Amy and Rebecca.

**Charles (AT '85) and Susan Pinkerton** came by on their way up from Houston. They plan to return to Nairobi, Kenya in March. They serve with AIM/AIR.

Pilot, **Jeff Knop (BU '87)** was on campus November 12, 1990 for an aviation seminar. Jeff came to answer students' questions concerning flying with a commuter service. Close to 100 students attended that seminar.

## The Alumni Aviation Society

met on Saturday, January 19, 1991. The meeting was held on campus with lunch at Bodacious Barbeque after. Attending that meeting were:

**Jerrold Traplughen** (AT '85), **Roger Carr** (AT '59), **Jeff Pitt** (AT '90), **John Galiano** (BU '84), **Lauren Bitkofer** (AT '75), **Bill Ewin** (ET/AT '79), **Terry Michnerhuizen** (MT/AT '75), **Bryan Benson** (BU/AT '78), **Steve Erickson** (MT/AT '85).

## CORRECTIONS

### 80's

**Ken Parfitt (EI '88)** is married to Jamie not Barbara as was reported in a recent Alum News. Thanks for letting us know of this error. Sorry Jamie and Ken.

The information on **Dan W. (WT/IM '87) and Susan Mann** in the new Alumni Directory is wrong. Their correct address is: 2604 W. 4th St., Williamsport, PA 17701, (717) 323-1714. Dan is the Manager of Welding Engineering & Robotics for ACF Industries. Please make this correction in your directory.

**David Nixon's (ET/AT '80)** employment information is wrong in the new Alumni Directory. We are proud to say that he is the Assistant Director of Aircraft Maintenance here at LeTourneau University. Sorry Dave.

## ALUMNI DIRECTORY

The 1991-92 Alumni Directory was sent out in December. If you are an alumnus of LeTourneau University and did not receive one, please contact our office. Also, if you have any updates, additions, or corrections to the Alumni Directory please inform us of these. We need your help to keep the directory information current.

## KEEP IN TOUCH!

Send us the news of what's happening in your life.

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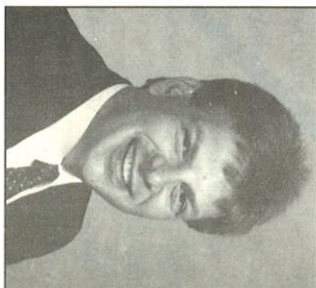
## HOMECOMING 1991

### APRIL 12 - 14

### "Come Home & Renew Old Friendships"

<b>Friday April 12</b>	10:30 am 11:20 am 12:00 pm 3:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 9:30 pm	Alumni Chapel Visit to Classes Lunch with Students (Cafeteria) Tour of L.U. Airport Facilities Registration (1st Fl. MSC near Bookstore) Hootenanny (Gym) Social (Students, Faculty & Alumni) (Gym)
<b>Saturday April 13</b>	9:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm 3:00 pm 6:00 pm	Breakfast (Heath Hardwick) (Kids in Cafeteria) Rope Pull/Frontier Volleyball Tournament Sub's & Such (LeTourneau Pond Area) Campus open house (Labs, Offices, etc.) Dr. McKinley Seminar (Science Building) Alumni Banquet (MSC 3)
<b>Sunday April 14</b>	8:00 am 9:00 am	Breakfast (Cafeteria) Worship Service (Speck Chapel)

## WHAT'S NEXT?



By John Galiano  
Director of Alumni Relations

As I observe the state of the world so far in 1991, I have to wonder "what's next?" And what are we as Christians to do now? "Our aim is to please our Lord always in everything we do...For we must all (believers) stand before Christ to be judged and have our lives laid bare before Him. Each of us will receive whatever he deserves for the good or bad things (purpose and motives) he has done in our earthly body." 2 Cor. 5:9-10.

That's certainly a sobering thought! But as we grow in our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, living in vital union with Him, He will enable us to accomplish His purposes. So as we begin this new year, let's take stock and make sure we are occupied with things of eternal value rather than things that are just "froth and bubbles" in God's eyes.

## LETOURNEAU UNIVERSITY ALUMNI SPECIAL EVENTS

**March 22**  
Tidewater, Virginia  
Chapter Meeting

**March 23**  
Greater Delaware Valley, Pennsylvania  
Chapter Meeting

**April 12 - 14**  
Alumni Homecoming & Frontier Week

**April 17**  
Aws Show Welding  
Alumni & Detroit Alumni Meeting

**May 4**  
Graduation, New LeTourneau University  
Alumni

**June 22**  
"Wings Over East Texas"  
Alumni at L.U. Hanger

**July 13**  
"Hot Air Balloon Show"  
Alumni at L.U. Hanger

**July 27**  
EAA Oshkosh Aviation  
Alumni Meeting

**September 23 - 26**  
Alumni Phonathon

**November 2**  
Alumni Basketball Game